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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Tyngsborough, April 1st, 1871.

The Committee chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer, J. G. Upton, have attended to that duty, and find his accounts well vouched and correctly cast, and are as follows:

The Treasurer charges himself with the receipt of the folling sums, viz:

By cash in the Treasurer's hands brought to new account,	$2007 48
By cash received of W. Billings,	6 00
" " E. Swan, Collector for 1869,	288 00
" " " " 1870,	461 38
" " " " 1870,	378 00
" " " " 1870,	1650 00
" " " " 1870,	352 20
By cash received of the Selectmen of the town of Pepperell,	83 56
By cash received for State aid,	48 00
" " " Corporation tax,	86 44
" of State Treasurer, School Fund,	129 64
" " E. Swan, Collector for 1869,	200 00
" " State Treasurer, corporation tax,	82 17
" " State aid,	38 02
" " E. Swan, Collector for 1870,	246 00
" " City of Lowell, for G. Shute's board,	4 00
" " E. Swan, Collector for 1870,	212 00
" " " " 1870,	123 00
Total receipts,	$6395 89
Total paid out by Treasurer,	5156 36
Leaving a balance in the Treasury of	$1239 53

JOHN PARHAM,
LUTHER BUTTERFIELD, } Committee.

The Treasurer credits himself with the payment of the following sums, viz.:

To cash paid Amos W. Wyman's wife and John H. Blood's wife,	$645 65
To cash paid C. Bancroft's board,	51 50
" for ferry chain,	84 15
" printing School Report.	15 00
" " Town Report,	15 05
" for E. Bancroft's board,	48 50

To cash paid for interest on D. Lawrence's note,..	$180	00
" P. Ford's note and interest,.....	663	94
" E. Bancroft's board,.....	46	40
" cleaning clock, ...	1	00
" ferry chain, ...	14	50
" interest on town order, No. 35, ...	9	75
" State tax, ...	925	00
" interest on W. Hamblet's note,.....	30	00
" E. Bancroft's board,.....	62	00
" D. S. & G. F. Richardson, for defending the town in the Wyman & Blood case,.....	336	80
" State aid, ...	62	00
" for Treasurer's services, ...	25	00

LIST OF OLD ORDERS.

To cash paid order No. 21, 1867, and interest,....	103	38
" " " 20, 1868, "	80	67
" " " 9, 1869, "	90	05
" " " 17, 1868, "	98	25
" " " 15, 1869, "	96	54

LIST OF NEW ORDERS.

To cash paid order No. 2, March 12th, D. K. Glover,	1	60
" " " 3, " I. S. Davis,	18	00
" " " 4, " J. M. Chandler,	2	60
" " " 6, March 14th, D. Connell,	1	10
" " " 7, " Jacob Drake,	8	00
" " " 13, March 23rd, L. D. Whitcher,	5	10
" " " 14, March 25th, L. Lawrence,	50	00
" " " 16, " W. A. Cummings,	20	00
" " " 17. March 29th, A. Perham.	36	00
" " " 18, outstanding.		
" " " 19, April 5th, C. Butterfield,	47	50
" " " 20, " F. F. Peirce,	25	00
" " " 21, " D. K. Glover,	6	20
" " " 22. " R. Wright,	8	20
" " " 23, " Z. Bennett,	52	75
" " " 24, " R. Wright,	4	30
" " " 25, " 30, A. Marshall,	21	00
" " " 26, May 28, A. Marshall,	21	00
" " " 27, June 7, Mrs. Worcester,	13	00
" " " 28, " 30, G. O. Perham,	9	25
" " " 29, " 30, A. Marshall,	22	00
" " " 30, July 7, R. S. Coburn,	451	00
" " " 31, Aug. 5, A. Marshall.	21	00
" " " 32, " 27, I. S. Knight,	6	96
" " " 33, Sept. 5, A. Marshall,	20	00
" " " 34, " 10, Dr. C. Dutton,	55	00

To cash paid order No.	35,	Aug. 28,	Mrs. Worcester,	$ 12	00
" " "	36,	Oct. 1,	A. Marshall,	20	00
" " "	37,	" 1,	J. H. D. Littlehale,	122	97
" " "	38,	" 15,	J. Keyes,	5	00
" " "	39,	" 15,	Mrs. Coffee,	2	50
" " "	40,	" 29,	E. Andrews,	2	00
" " "	41,	Nov. 2,	A. Marshall,	20	00
" " "	42,	" 5,	M. C. Rogers,	65	00
" " "	43,	" 18,	Dr. C. Dutton,	28	00
" " "	44,	" 18,	M. Shute,	2	00
" " "	45,	Dec. 2,	A. Marshall,	20	00
" " "	46,	" 5,	D. Connell,	17	25
" " "	47,	" 5,	Overseers of Poor,	29	50
" " "	48,	" 26,	J. W. Marshall,	30	00
" " "	49,	" 30,	A. Marshall,	20	00
" " "	50,	Jan. 13,	M. C. Rogers,	25	00
" " "	51,	Feb. 3,	A. Marshall,	20	00
" " "	52,	" 23,	M. C. Rogers,	82	45
" " "	53,	" 27,	A. Marshall,	21	00

Total paid out, ... $5156 36

The Town is indebted as follows—

To D. Lawrence, note, ...	$2000 00	
William Hamblet, note, ...	500 00	
E. Swan, order, ...	165 50	
L. Butterfield, order, ...	85 00	
		$2750 50

Available funds—

Balance in treasury, ...	$1239 53	
" uncollected taxes in the hands of E. Swan, for 1869, ...	308 33	
" uncollected taxes in the hands of E. Swan, for 1870, ...	1826 05	
" of J. Bancroft, ...	49 40	
		3423 31
		2750 50
Balance in favor of the town, ...		$672 81

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Tyngsborough for the year 1870 & 1871 submit the following report of their settlement with the Superintendent of the Town Farm and Almshouse for the year ending April 1st, 1871.

The account of the Superintendent is as follows:

Receipts from products sold, &c		$1364 93
Expenditures for support of poor,	$1052 45	
For Superintendent's salary,,	250 00	
Total expenditures		$1302 45
Receipts over expenditures carried to new account,..		$62 48

Recapitulation.

Expenditures on the farm,		$1302 45
Off of the farm, E. Bancroft's board at Worcester,	$208 40	
M. Hall's doctor's bill,	55 00	
Taking care of Worcester child,	25 00	
Goods to M. Hall's family,	67 41	
Burial of Worcester girl,	16 00	
Doctoring Jacob Reed's family,	13 50	
Total for support of poor off the farm,		$385 31
Total expenses for the support of the poor,		$1687 76

The Overseers also report that the personal property on the farm, consists in part as follows: 1 horse, 2 oxen, 8 cows, 1 swine, 20 fowls, 7 tons English hay, wagons, carts, sleds, farming tools, vegetables, 10 cords of wood prepared for the fire, 60 cords for market &c., and that the appraised value of the same is..... $2040 17

Total value March 28, 1870..... $2164 60

The Overseers also report some of the principle resources of the farm as applied for the support of the poor:

Pasturing cattle and horses,	$ 73 51
Butter sold,	208 08
Eggs and poultry,	53 78
Calves sold,	63 45
Apples sold,	134 47
Pigs and pork,	132 71
Beef,	53 90
Wood and lumber,	158 47
Making a total of	$878 37
Paid for labor on the farm,	133 50
Chopping wood,	66 18

Average number of paupers during the year 5 1-6.

NUMBER OF PAUPERS ON THE FARM, FOUR, VIZ:

Samuel Kidder, Mary Ingalls, Stephen Spaulding, Willard S. Pierce.

SUPPORTED PART OF THE YEAR.

Cummings Perham, Charles Presby.

SENT TO STATE ALMSHOUSE.

Margaret Harrington, Abby Gookey, Charles Presby.

The interest on the Lawrence fund is included in the expenditures.

DANIEL PARHAM,
J. W. MARSHALL,
J. P. CUMMINGS,
} Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Tyngsboro'.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH,

For the Year ending March 1, 1871.

To the Citizens of the Town of Tyngsborough:

The School Committee of the town present for consideration the following Report of our schools for the year ending March 1st, 1871:

District No. 1—Miss Abby E. Drake, teacher. Length of school in summer 3 months; wages of teacher $22 per month; whole number of scholars 17; average attendance 14 1-2; under 5 years 0; over 5 0; tardy marks 179; visitors 38.

Miss Drake has had some experience in teaching. She is zealous and untiring in her endeavors to learn the children under her charge, but we are very sorry to say that the deportment of some of the larger boys during the term was not commendable: they would tire the patience of the teacher by trying to break the rules of the school, and thereby give their teacher trouble, she wishing to govern by mild means, rather than resort to harsher ones. But upon the whole, the school at the examination gave good satisfaction. The winter term was kept at the Winslow school.

District No. 2.—Summer term, Miss Emma C. Kidder of Tyngsborough. Length of school in summer term 3 months; wages of teacher $22; whole number of scholars 16; average attendance 12 1-8; under 5 years 0; over 15 years 1; number of tardy marks 19; visitors 40.

This was Miss Kidder's first attempt to teach, and we must say that she succeeded beyond our expectations. The scholars all appeared to love her, and therefore she had no trouble in governing them—the order was excellent and the recitations almost perfect. We sincerely hope that Miss Kidder will make teaching her business.

Winter Term, Miss Hattie A. Johnson of Lowell, teacher. Whole length of school 4 months; wages of teacher $28 per month; whole number scholars 19; average attendance 15 1-2; under 5 years 2; over 15 years 5; tardy marks 19; visitors 28.

Miss Johnson has had some experience in teaching, having taught two terms in town before. We believe this school has given satisfaction to all who were connected with it, which is something very uncommon in this district for the winter term. Miss Johnson is a great worker. In school everything goes like clock-work. We could see great proficiency in reading, arithmetic and geography. We especially commend the reading of the second class; the examination was satisfactory to all who heard the prompt and accurate answers of the scholars.

District No. 3.—Miss Ida E. Queen, teacher. Length of school, summer term, 3 months; wages of teacher $22 per month; whole number of scholars 13; average attendance 10 1-2; under 5 years 1; over 15 years 0; tardy marks 7; visitors 10. Winter Term—Length of school 3 months; wages of teacher $26; whole number of scholars 16; average attendance 15; under 5 years 0; over 5 years 5; tardy marks 23; visitors 7. Both terms were taught by the same teacher.

Miss Queen has had some experience in teaching and is an excellent teacher, is well qualified, and accomplished her work satisfactorily.

Districts No. 4 and 5.—Miss Almira A. Bancroft, teacher. No. 4 and 5 districts were united for the summer term, keeping one-half the term in each district. The winter term was kept in the Winslow school.

Length of school 4 1-2 months; wages of teacher $24; whole number of scholars 30; average attendance 17; under 5 years 2; over 15 years 1; tardy marks 79; visitors 24.

Miss Bancroft is an experienced teacher, and never fails of giving satisfaction. Being a good disciplinarian, she has no trouble in governing her school. The examination was very satisfactory, and showed that the scholars had made good improvement in their studies.

District No. 6.—Miss Hattie A. Johnson, teacher. Summer term. Length of school 3 months, wages of teacher $24 per month, whole number of scholars 10, average attendance 8, under 5 years 0, over 15 years 0, tardy marks 4, visitors 14.

This was Miss Johnson's second term of teaching the same school. She maintained her reputation as a teacher to our entire satisfaction, and the exercises at the examination were performed promptly and almost perfectly throughout.

Winter term—Miss Abbie E. Drake, teacher. Length of school 3 months, wages of teacher $26 per month, whole number of scholars 16, average attendance 15, under 5 years 0, over 15 years 5, tardy marks 26, visitors 15.

Miss Drake is a good teacher, untiring in her efforts. Nothing that she could do for the benefit of the school did she leave undone,

and we wish we could say as much of some of the large boys. It looked to the Committee as though they took the opportunity to transgress the orders of the school when the Committee and other visitors were in. This should not be so. It seems to us that they should have that respect for their teacher (especially a young lady) when visitors are in school, to behave themselves as become young gentlemen.

District No. 7.—Miss Ella J. Wright of Lowell, teacher. Miss Wright taught both summer and winter terms. Summer term—length of school 3 months, wages per month $22, whole number of scholars 12, average attendance 10 71-160, under 5 years 0, over 15 years 1, tardy marks 10, visitors 31.

Winter term—length of school 4 months, wages of teacher $26, number of scholars 11, average attendance 10 70-160, under 5 years 0, over 15 years 2, tardy marks 8, visitors 42.

Miss Wright was very successful in obtaining the co-operation of both pupils and parents, the order was excellent and the recitations were almost perfect. It looked to us as though the scholars had that respect for their teacher that they should have, by sustaining her in all her endeavors to promote the welfare of the school. The examination was very satisfactory.

Winslow School.—M. C. Rodgers, teacher. Length of school 5 months, wages per month $65, whole number scholars 50, average 44, under 5 years 0, over 15 years 15, tardy marks not returned, visitors 82.

The right man in the right place! Mr. M. C. Rodgers, of Hanover, N. H., taught this school 5 months, to the satisfaction, as we believe, of both scholars and parents, which is an event that seldom happens in this school. Mr. Rodgers is a good disciplinarian, having perfect control of his pupils. All who were present at the close of the school were much pleased with the promptness of the recitations and the perfect order of the scholars. There has been a great interest taken in the welfare of this school the present term, as may be seen by the number visiting it at the close, there being fifty-two visitors. We would hope that Mr. Rodgers' services might be obtained for another term.

REMARKS.

Having given an account of the management of the several schools, we proceed to a few considerations with the interests of the town the past year.

We would recommend that the town new district the town immediately, and either build new houses where new ones are needed, or repair the old ones so that your committee can hire teachers that they would not be ashamed to put in them. The

committee were troubled to get teachers the past winter to teach in some of the houses; some actually refused to teach on that account.

We would also recommend that the town remain as they now are until the school-houses are repaired or rebuilt, and have the town own them, and then, if they think best, they can go back to the district system.

The town knows the condition the districts and school-houses are in, and we feel that they will do what is best for the welfare of the town and the rising generation.

Your committee feel that they have been very successful in procuring teachers the past year that have given general satisfaction.

R. S. COBURN,
ISAAC S. KNIGHT.

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